



Vertical Village

Reimagining the program of vacant office towers

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Conversation:

Can vacancies in downtowns, as a result of covid-19, open up the opportunity to reimagine how downtown office towers are inhabited.

Stakes:

American cities have been designed around the automobile which has resulted in separation of functions. The reimagining and reprogramming of office towers could eliminate the gap between office, commercial, and residential buildings, and result in a building program that organically incorporates all three.

Betterment:

By blending multiple uses into existing office towers we can create a more village-like program that changes the way in which cities are inhabited (less car-centric) in turn increasing human interaction and collaboration.

Profile:

Growing up on a farm in a rural area, I could say for most of my life I was blind to the complexities of the urban environment. My fascination with these complexities began when I moved to San Antonio to pursue my degree in architecture at UTSA. Experiencing the city for myself, I was able to understand how architecture affects the urban environment, sparking my interest in topics such as creating more humanized and walkable urban areas.

